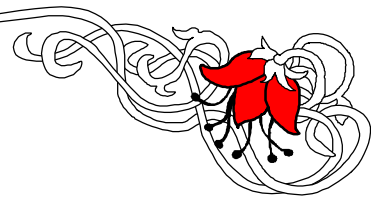


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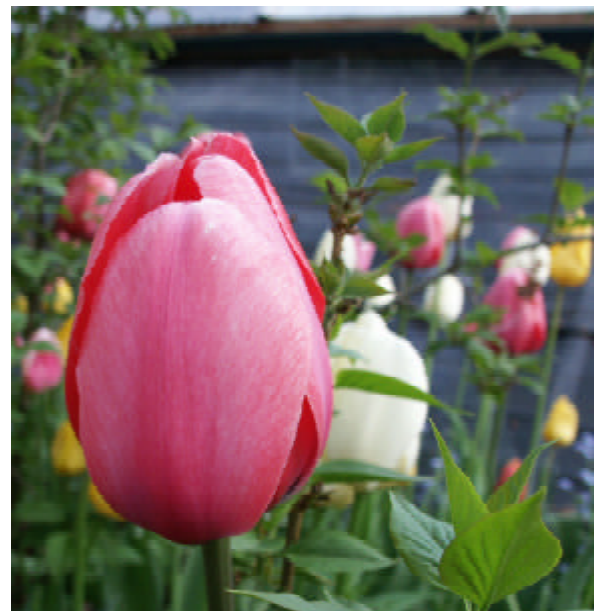
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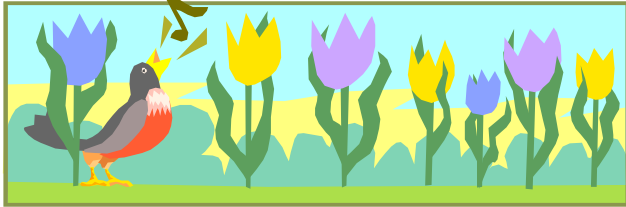
## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ONE GARDENER'S PLAN FOR A FIVE-STAR SUMMER FROM DANA KLINKHART

- ? Sunshine
- ? A tour of Forget Me Not Nursery and 20,000 bulbs
- ? Just the right amount of rain
- ? Joining the volunteer effort at the Pioneer Home and Anchorage Botanical Garden
- ? More of that sunshine
- ? Smells of plants and soil
- ? June tour for Master Gardeners in the Turnagain area
- ? Sounds of birds and of children playing
- ? Garden-fresh vegetables at a family picnic
- ? At least one weed-free garden bed
- ? More sun that's balanced with some rain
- ? Sharing flowers from the garden
- ? Fishing in Alaska
- ? The Master Gardener's July tour and potluck
- ? That early morning cup of coffee in the garden
- ? Gloves that really work
- ? Touring the gardens of Girdwood in August with Master Gardeners
- ? Successful pest management
- ? Just one more new perennial
- ? The walking tour with Master Gardeners at the UAA Campus in August
- ? An elixir for salvaging hands and nails
- ? And.....time to reflect on family, friends and the fruits of my labor



Tulip Photo from Forget-me-not Nursery Tour by Dana Klinkhart



## The Tour to Remember by Jo Anne Banta

If you haven't yet been to Forget-Me-Not Nursery this spring, point your car south to Indian and go view the tulips. Kathy Feathergill-Calvin (master gardener) and her husband have planted some 30,000 to 40,000 bulbs, and they are in full bloom right now.

There is a stunning American flag display made up of 3,000 red and white Triumph tulips and 10,000 blue grape hyacinths. There are huge beds of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. There are azaleas in bloom: Golden Lights, Rosy Lights and Northern Lights.

You can see just about any flower you'll find in Alaska gardens; and scattered throughout are accents of the namesake forget-me-nots.

Twenty-three hardy master gardeners made the trip May 24 to view the scene in a slight drizzle that no one seemed to mind. The nursery was open for viewing as well as purchasing, and many went home with exciting new plants to try.

Kathy's goal is eventually to have everything that grows in her gardens for sale in the nursery, and she is well on her way. Her special recommendations for bulbs: Darwin's tulips and King Alfred daffodils. She loves the miniature Tete-a-Tetes, and her miniature garden is a delight. Kathy is getting excited about primroses so look for more from her next year.

## May is for Early Spring Gardening by Jo Anne Banta

Anchorage Master Gardeners' meeting May 17 was filled with treats from beginning to end: treats to eat, treats to take home, and a big treat in the form of Blythe Campbell's presentation, "Early Spring Gardening."

Dessert was first. The meeting opened with social hour and delicious brownie sundaes courtesy of Tracy Johnson and president Dana Klinkhart. Take-home treats were dahlia starts brought by Maureen Pintner to share with all.

Blythe Campbell's photos of early spring plants were awesome, covering everything from anemones to yarrow, and her comments were filled with pointers for the gardener.

Some suggestions: species tulips, which are only four to five inches high and spread; golden feverfew for early lime-green foliage; and arabis for white cover. Incidentally, Blythe has an article on perennial seedbeds which appearing in this month's Fine Gardening.

The summer means plenty of work for Anchorage master gardeners. Volunteers are needed for planting and maintenance of the Pioneer Home gardens. Mary Shier and Judith Christianson have already done most of the work: the planning, starting the seedlings, and preparing the beds. More help is need for planting and maintenance of the AMGA beds at Alaska Botanical Gardens. Contact volunteer coordinator Linda Klinkhart at 345-2672 or email her at gek@gci.net if you'd like to help.

George Patrawke, Jane Baldwin, Mary Shier and Kathy Bromley each won a primrose donated by Sally Arant. Further door prizes went to Amelia Walsh who won the gift bag and to Diana Wendling who took home A Gardener's Notebook.

## Native Plant Directory

The Alaska Plant Materials Center has published a new edition of their Native Plants Directory. It is available online at [http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/ag/ag\\_pmc.htm](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/ag/ag_pmc.htm).

## June Garden Tours Monday, June 21st at 7:00 pm

This month we are touring gardens in the wonderful Turnagain area. Visit the gardens in any order you choose - that will hopefully alleviate any crowding or parking problems. Take time to drive around the area too, there is lots to see!

### Mary Jo Burns 4169 Westwood Drive

West on Northern Lights, past Turnagain Elementary, North on Westwood. She is the farthest down Northern Lights. Narrow street parking.

-Thanks to Mary Jo for volunteering her garden for the tour and recruiting her friend Sherry's yard! We know Mary Jo loves primroses, but let's see what else her garden has to show.

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**TOURS CONT.**

**Sherry Tomlinson  
3100 Iliamna**

West on Northern Lights, north on Turnagain Parkway. She is on the corner of Turnagain Pkwy and Iliamna. Lots of parking across the street at LynAry park.

-Sherry shares her garden with her dogs, doves (pigeons), goldfish and lots of friends. She grows basil commercially for a local greenhouse and runs a bed and breakfast. Shade plants, water features, and climbing vines will keep our eyes busy taking it all in. Sherry was kind enough to invite us to relax and stroll through her beautiful outdoor living space.

**Judith Hassinger and Larry Peterson  
2534 Brooke Drive**

West on Northern Lights, north on Turnagain Street, left on Knik, right on Brooke. Narrow street parking.

-Judith and Larry love the feel and style of English cottage gardens. They created a white garden in the front of the house, and a semi-formal area in the back with patios surrounded by gardens. Although the 100 dahlias or so they planted will not be blooming, there will be lots of other flowers, garden art and points of interest to "wow" us. We are so glad they are sharing their incredible space and love of gardening with us.

Enjoy the tours!  
Linda Klinkhart

**Peony Groups Update  
by Judy Wilmarth**

The Pacific Northwest Peony Society will host a peony flower show, June 12-13, 2004 at The Portland Classical Chinese Garden, NW 3rd & Everett, adjacent to Portland's Chinatown. Flower show is free, but there is an admission to the Chinese Garden. Their website is: [www.chinesegarden.org/primarypage.htm](http://www.chinesegarden.org/primarypage.htm).

This is a display for the public to see the wide variety of forms, types and colors.

To join The Pacific Northwest Peony Society, contact Ed Wild, Treasurer, 5465 SE Prosperity Park Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062 [www.pnwpeony.org](http://www.pnwpeony.org)

The American Peony Society will hold its 101st Meeting and 99th National Exhibition on June 11th -13th; Exhibits open to the public after 2PM the 12th. Location: Kingwood Center, 900 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, Ohio. These exhibits are competitive among commercial and amateur gardeners. Contact American Peony Society: Claudia Schroer, 713 White Oak Lane, Gladstone, MO. 64116-4607. Membership \$10.00 per person per yr. Members receive 4 bulletins a year.

Some members may have an interest in these events. The show tables are fantastic.

**BRAIN PUZZLE  
From the Office of Paula Korn  
Submitted by Judy Christianson**

This test will give some gauge of your mental flexibility, creativity and a little cunning. In the many years since the test was developed, few people have been able to solve more than half of the questions on the first try. Many people reported answers occurring to them long after the test was set aside, particularly at unexpected times when their minds were relaxed. A relatively small number were able to solve the test in a few days. No books, no groups, and no cheating. Good luck!

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## From the Editor: Where's your Volunteer Spirit?

For some reason this year, very few master gardeners have volunteered to maintain the Pioneer Home beds. The sign-up list has gone around the MG meetings several times, & there are still many weeks left to fill.

Judy Christianson has worked on these beds for the past 15 years. Mary Shier has volunteered there for the past 8 years. Together, they have spent the last 3-4 months planting & raising seedlings, along with the other projects that they volunteer for. This means trips into town to water, transplant, and care for these plants 2-4 times a week in the early months. The Pioneer Home is a skilled nursing home and the residents there really appreciate all the work that the master gardeners do. It is a joy to work on these beds - I have put in a week over there for the past several years, & not once has someone NOT told me what a good job we do & how much they appreciate it. Many of these people are retired gardeners who would dearly love to be able to get their hands in the dirt along side you. It takes the cooperation of many hands to make it work. A few people cannot do all the work alone.

It's not a huge commitment, it's only an afternoon or 2 during 1 week of your short summer. And if you're lucky, it will rain a lot & you won't need to water - only deadhead &/or weed!

Please call Linda Klinkhart before she calls you to help out on this worthy project. Your reward is having a resident walk by and thank you for your hard work. Remember - you may be there one day.....

### A Gardener's Reflection by Annie Nevaldine

~ The other day while I was working in my garden, my 6 year old neighbor came to visit, which she is wont to do when I'm outdoors. She was bouncing around the yard with my dog and chattering "at" me continuously while I was squatted down, weeding with my back to her. "Annie, are these grapes?" I was trying to think what vine of mine she thought might be sporting grapes- certainly not all the hairy, seedy clematis vines I have or the Aristolochia (Dutchman's pipe) that Rita Jo Shultz gave me three years ago that continues, amazingly, to survive the winters. I couldn't think of what other vines I have that she'd be confusing with grapes. When I turned around to see what she was looking at, I found her squatted down peering squarely into the "eyes" of Muscari armeniacum. She prompted me to realize that's why the common name is "grape" (DUH!) hyacinth. Prior to her question, I had never really stopped to think about the origin of its common name. What one can learn while looking through the eyes of a 6 year old. Thanks for the lesson, I mani. ~



### Leaf problems! By Mary Shier

Are you experiencing strange leaf problems this year? If so, join the club!

Another growing season and another session of strange leaf coloration and I find myself not being able to figure out the problem. Will it never end? One would think that after all these years of gardening, I'd have a better handle on problems with my plants. But the more I garden, the less I know.

When comparing my leaves to pictures in my problem solving book, I get confused as to which problem it might be because several photos look as if they could be the answer. Why is there not a book with more pictures that relate to actual symptoms that my plants have? If I were putting together a reference book I would have one with *large* pictures more accurately depicting problems rather than the small pictures which need a magnifying glass to see what they're talking about.

I thought I was experiencing an extended gardeners' affliction until I talked to several other gardeners and learned that I'm not the only one with these symptoms this year. Halleluia! It's nice to know I'm not alone this time.

My tomatoes for the most part have scorched edges and some with yellow sections. Artichokes have gray spots and later the leaf dries out and withers up.

I took some samples to the Cooperative Extension and later learned they were dancing around the office because they had 'things' they'd never seen before. That did not 'make my day' as it did theirs, I have to admit. Different strokes for different folks. I'm glad I could give them a diversion.

I'm looking forward to figuring out what my plants lack. I feel like a detective in a way: I have the magnifying glass to look at the leaves and pictures in my books, and a 'crime lab' to take my specimens to for analysis. I just hope I can get the problem taken care of before the tomatoes quit producing fruit. Or, will it even affect production? If not, what am I worried about?



## Annual Sterling Plant Sale

Master Gardeners Mark White and Rosemary Kimball have their perennial plant sale June 18 and 19th, Friday and Saturday, from 6PM to 10 PM at Mark White's house in Sterling. Signs will be on the Sterling Highway MP 85 at 5:45PM or call 262-6187.

### Central Peninsula MG News By Rosemary Kimball

It can't be June already! Even with the extra three weeks of early spring we're not ready!

In Pioneer Park, a pleasant surprise this spring was the appearance of all sorts of daffodils along the edges of the beds. Although the Master Gardeners down here don't do any of the work there any more, those of us who did still have a proprietary interest in what it looks like.

Those of us with gardens have been visiting those of us with gardens to ooh and ahh about what survived, what is showing and what is going to happen. I got to Gina's daffies and swooned.

Mid-May, my neighbor Mark White (who, with his cousin Donna Miller, is a new MG down here) and I did our yearly run to Anchorage and environs to spend money on plants. We always take guests and this year Gina Docherty and Kathy Tarr, a MG 'gonna be', went with us. We only hit 7 establishments but we did major damage to our plastic. We started conservatively with Alaska Mill and Feed and then made a direct line to Recluse Nursery. Recluse, for us, is now Recluse 1 and 2 with the inclusion of the former Landscape Supply where we always stopped anyway. At Recluse 1 we ran into a reporter for the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) who was doing an article on the nurseries. She wanted to know why we would come all the way from Sterling to shop there. We told her! With Recluse 1 and Fritz Creek we have two absolutely superb nurseries that are better than many one finds Outside.

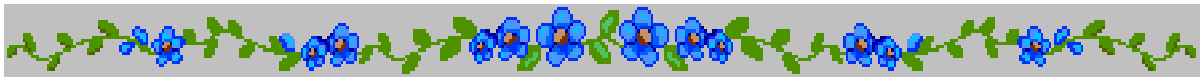
With 4 people in a herbivorous feeding frenzy we filled the van's back deck (no rear seats) under the middle bench and three peoples' laps. Not bad, huh? In the sorting out, I ended up with Gina's primroses and petunias, but I don't mind; I might even return them.



This is a nifty slip-rooting idea from Berry Botanical garden in Portland, OR. I don't know if there is vermiculite in the plugs or just the water from the tote. A sheet of plastic was pierced, the cuttings inserted and the tote partially filled with water— simply made from stuff on hand.

It has been so warm compared to other years, that the "green sheen", when the birch leaf buds begin to announce themselves, was three weeks early. The soil temperature had been a "warm" 33°F since the end of February and our hip-deep snow simply dropped into the ground without running away. It was possible to get into the garden quickly. We haven't, in Sterling at least, had any major frosts to knock out all the early-planted broccoli, cabbages or lettuce. The nice gentle rain towards the end of May really gave a boost to the seedlings. It seems that water from the sky is better received by the plants than water from the well.

If you are reading this you are not weeding....Get busy!



## Bird Chatter

While working on a fence to keep moose out of her yard, Amelia Walsh's husband discovered a young moose in their half opened garage, munching on her geraniums. Talk about a head start!

Judy Christianson can testify to the efficiency of the animal deterrent "Plant Skid" - a moose had sniffed at her sprayed tulips, walked right past them & ate her unsprayed ferns.

Maureen Pintner is looking for extra veggie starts to plant in her compost on top of a hay bale. Contact: 522-4811

Congratulations to Leslie Mott! She was the first Master Gardener from the 2003 class to complete her 40 hours of volunteer time.

MG Joyce Palmer's three water garden fish, Larry, Moe and Curley, spent the winter in her sister's heated horse trough. (None got slurped up, but one was floating come spring).

A big, fat domestic rabbit was seen sitting in the entrance beds at the Alaska Botanical Garden waiting for a salad of garden annuals to arrive :-)

Extension Horticulture agent Julie Riley will be working part-time this summer. The Horticulture Program Assistant position will not be filled.

Make sure to drive by the Anchorage Pioneer Home this summer. Mary Shier and Judy Christianson have planned a red and white garden. Better yet, sign up to weed, water and deadhead for a week.

-- Thank you Nancy Moses for organizing the horticulture files in the Master Gardener volunteer office. Everyone who now comes in to answer Hort Phones will be able to use the files without having to search high and low. It was a big job!

AMGA member Susan Miller probably sold 50 hats in Juneau at the Southeast Alaska Gardening Conference. And they weren't even rain hats!

Carmel Tysver's favorite weeding tools for her trough gardens are suture scissors and tweezers.

Juneau MG Suzanne Williams puts her floating row cover (Reemay) in the washing machine when it gets dirty and duct tapes it together when it tears.

For those of you who think LAWN is a 4-letter word, beware. The Lawn Institute has reportedly found an unexpected link between expanding obesity and shrinking lawns.

A garden is evidence of faith. It links us with all the misty figures of the past who also planted and were nourished by the fruits of their planting.  
Stillmeadow Sampler

## Anchorage Gardeners in the News

By Julie Riley

A garden designed by AMGA member Sally Arant was featured in the Spring 2004 issue of Better Homes & Gardens "Perennials". The 8-page article includes many beautiful photos of Maggie Price's garden and a list of perennial recommendations made by Sally.

The article reads, "Anchorage garden designer and nursery owner Sally Arant praises these cold-hardy perennials, which she says are "long-blooming, easy-care, and don't need water every day."

Sun lovers include catmint, (*Nepeta nervosa*), *Geranium*, *Dianthus*, Lady's mantle, flame grass, (*Miscanthus sinensis* var. *purpurascens*), blue oat grass, (*Helictotichon sempervirens*), *Pensemon digitalis* hybrids, primrose, and yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* 'Paprika').

For the shade Sally suggests *Astilbe chinensis*, bleeding heart, Himalayan blue poppy, *Ligularia stenocephala* 'The Rocket', Meadow rue (*Thalictrum aquilegifolium*) and *Pulmonaria*.

## Gardening Calendar

### June 3, Thursday

Anchorage Garden Club - "Aphids, Birch Leaf Miners & Bugs" presented by Ed Holsten - 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle. Call 566-0539.

### June 4, Friday

Plant composition class at In the Garden, 10:30am - 11:30am, 3021 DeArmour Road, free with reservations by calling Lorri Abel 346-4246.

### June 5, Saturday

\*Wildflower Garden Club plant sale, 9 am - 4 pm, 7435 Old Harbor Road, Contact Sally K 333-8237 or Kathy Zins 243-1961.

\*Anchorage Garden Club annual plant sale, 9 am - 5 pm, 3734 W. 35th Avenue, 566-0539.

### June 5 - August 28

Shop in the Botanical Gardens Open, ABG and American Horticultural Society members get 10% discount on gift shop items. Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm. 770-3692.

### June 9 - August 24 Wednesday

Story time in the Botanical Garden, come hear nature stories, for kids age 3 -5 with a parent or caregiver, meet at ABG Lower Perennial Garden, cancelled when it rains, Wednesdays 6:30 pm, 770-3692.

### June 11, Friday

Soils and Organics class at In the Garden, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, 3021 DeArmour Road, free with reservations by calling Lorri Abel 346-4246.

### June 12, Saturday

Mat-Su Master Gardener's plant sale, 10 am - 4 pm, Palmer Train Depot Pavilion (by the Visitor's center). Contact Dorte Mobley 907-376-4002.



## Gardening Calendar Cont.

### June 13, Sunday

Juneau Arts & Humanities Council - First Annual Juneau Art 'n Garden Fair - Marine Park Plaza on the Juneau Waterfront. Contact: Fair Manager Barbara Belknap at artngarden@gci.net; telephone 907.209.8602. Applications will be available online at [www.juneauartscouncil.org](http://www.juneauartscouncil.org)

### June 15, Tuesday

Alaska Native Plant Society Dandelion Pull, 7 pm – 9 pm, at the Alaska Botanical Garden along the Lowenfels Family Nature Trail. Meet at the garden entrance; bring a hand digger, trash bag and bug repellent, 243-5425.

### June 16, Wednesday

Alaska Native Plant Society Weed Pull along Seward Highway, 6:30 pm. Meet at Potter Section House. Adults only, bring hand digger, 333-8212.

### June 18 & 19, Friday and Saturday

Art of the Garden fundraiser for Anchorage Opera, Friday 7:30 – 9:30 pm silent auction at Anchorage Opera. Saturday 11 am – 3 pm at Alaska Mill, Feed, and Garden Center. Artists who have been invited to participate in the Anchorage Opera silent auction will be guests in the garden center. Anchorage Opera, Jason 279-2557 or Alaska Mill, Feed, and Garden Center, 276-6016.

### June 19, Saturday

A Garden Tea at Snowfire Gardens, Wasilla, 3 – 5 pm. Valley Garden Club fundraiser to purchase gardening books for the public library. Guests will be treated to an elegant tea with tasty tidbits, live music, door prizes and a tour of the gardens. Snowfire Gardens was the featured garden for the State Garden Club Convention in 2003 and pictures of the garden are included in Rock Garden Design and Construction, recently published by the North American Rock Garden Society. A donation of \$25 will transport you to a gentler time and place for the afternoon. Reserve tickets by calling 907-376-5390.

### June 21, Monday

Alaska Master Gardener Association member tours - contact Dana Klinkhart: 346-1631

### June 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19 Thursday

Summer Garden Series B, fundraiser for the Botanical Gardens, five private garden tours, early bird tour 4 pm – 5:30 pm OR late tour 5:30 pm – 7 pm, Chat with the owners in an uncrowded, unhurried atmosphere. ABG membership is required to purchase tickets. New members may join at the time of ticket purchase \$60, 770-3692.

### June 24, July 1, 15, 29, August 12 Thursday

Summer Garden Series A, fundraiser for the Botanical Gardens, five private garden tours, early bird tour 4 pm – 5:30 pm OR late tour 5:30 pm – 7 pm. Chat with the owners in an uncrowded, unhurried atmosphere. ABG membership is required to purchase tickets. New members may join at the time of ticket purchase \$60, 770-3692.

### June 26, Saturday

Beneficial Insects, Rocco Moschetti, IPM of Alaska. 11:00 am at Green Connection, 276-7836.

### June 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday

7th Annual Garden Fair at Alaska Botanical Gardens, Both days include: invitational garden art show, craft and plant vendors, speakers and demonstrations, Children's Village, music and food. Plant Show for Alpine and Rock Plants. Saturday 10 am – 6 pm (early entry at 9 am for members only), Sunday 10 am – 4 pm, Admission \$5 per person or \$15 per family. 770-3692.

### June 27, Sunday

The Alaska Rock Garden Society is hosting a presentation by Dr. David Hale on Patagonia. This is being held at the Loussac Library at 6:30 pm in Anchorage. David Hale is a avid Rock Gardener from the coast of Oregon. A frequent world traveler, he and his wife have conducted 16 trips to the Patagonia region. These experiences will bring a wealth of information on this region to our club as the Rock Garden Society has recently launched plans to conduct a seed expedition to this area in 2005. He has also agreed to be a featured speaker at the Anchorage Botanical Garden Fair.

### July 6, Tuesday

Alaska Native Plant Society Weed Pull along Seward Highway, 6:30 pm. Meet at Potter Section House. Adults only, bring hand digger and heavy-duty scissors, 333-8212.

### July 9 – 11, July 13 – 15 OR July 16 – 18

Wild Herb Workshop with Janice Schofield, author of Discovering Wild Plants, Alaska's Wild Plants and Nettles. Choose one of three sessions (one evening 7-9 pm and two days from 9 am – 5 pm). Identifying and harvesting wild herbs, making tinctures, foot baths, salves and teas. Contact Good Earth Garden School, Palmer, 907-745-0758; [goodearthgardenschool@hotmail.com](mailto:goodearthgardenschool@hotmail.com).

### July 10 & 11, Saturday & Sunday

\*Blue Poppy Garden Tour, 8 am – 8 pm, fundraiser for the Alaska Botanical Garden, come see professional growers Stan & Dona Ashmore's beautiful garden filled with many varieties of poppies, including those striking blue poppies. (Mile 9 Wolverine Road, Palmer) Admission \$10 per person. 770-3692.

\*Wild Edibles Weekend, Stonehill Gardens and Conservatory, seminars Sat and Sun afternoon (option of Sat only), 16751 E. Huntley Rd, Palmer. Learn to identify, harvest, use and cook wild edibles and medicinals, 907-745-7071.

### July 11 – 17

Alaska Invasive Weeds Awareness Week. Contact the Cooperative Extension Service for more details, 786-6300.

### July 12, Monday

Alaska Native Plant Society Dandelion Pull, 7 pm – 9 pm, at the Alaska Botanical Garden along the Lowenfels Family Nature Trail. Meet at the garden entrance; bring a hand digger, trash bag and bug repellent, 243-5425.

### July 13, Tuesday

Alaska Rose Society plant sale, 7 pm, 7435 Old Harbor Road, Contact Lonnie Chace, 345-5725 or [president@alaskarosesociety.org](mailto:president@alaskarosesociety.org).

### July 17 & 18, Saturday & Sunday

Coyote Garden Tours, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm. Visit Les Brake's beautiful Coyote Garden which has been featured in Horticulture Magazine, Sunset, Country Gardens and Gardens Illustrated. Mile 7, Willow/Fishhook Road, Willow, donations requested and benefit the ABG and Willow Garden Club. 770-3692.

### July 19, Monday

Alaska Master Gardener Association member tours - contact Dana Klinkhart: 346-1631

The Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Master Gardeners Association welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Gina Docherty, at:

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AMGA Web Site: [www.corecom.net/~gardener](http://www.corecom.net/~gardener)  
(The Newsletter will be on-line in living color)

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